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Freeman Selected Chair for Riverside County Obama Campaign

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RIVERSIDE

By Cheryl Brown

Debrah Freeman has been selected to organize the County of Riverside for U.S. Senator Barack Obama, one of five presidential candidates who have publicly announced their intention to run in the Democratic pri-

mary. He announced his candidacy last week. "I consider this a privilege and honor to work on this campaign. I believe Senator Obama and his campaign represent all that is right with America," Freeman said after receiving her appointment letter this week. Debrah Freeman, who cut her political teeth as a candidate for the



Debrah Freeman

Riverside City Council in 2005, continues to show political promise and remains active in local government and

political matters.

Freeman is a human resources professional, and has been employed by the County of Riverside for almost 15 years. She began her career in the District Attorney's Office, and has worked in the Human Resource Department for the last 9 years. With a background in labor relations, Freeman has man-

aged the Employee Relations Division, negotiated labor contracts, and managed teams responsible for recruiting/staffing. For five years she was a Union Organizer for the Public Employees of Riverside County. Freeman is currently working with the Temporary Assignment Program to address temporary staffing needs throughout the

County.

Freeman received her Masters In Labor Certificate from the California Public Employers Association in 2003. After graduating from Riverside City College in 1985, Freeman attended Citrus Belt Law School, and then went on to attend the University of California

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It's Official, Obama In The Race For President

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RIVERSIDE

By Chris Levister

Sen. Barack Obama stood before cheering crowds at the Illinois Capitol Saturday and announced he will seek the 2008 Democratic nomination for president.

A Black man invoking the memory of fellow Illinoisan and the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, the first-term Democratic senator addressed thousands, portraying himself as a fresh face capable of leading a new generation.

"Let us transform this nation." To chants of "Obama! Obama!," he told the crowd shivering in the cold "It is here, in Springfield, where North, South, East and West come together that I was reminded of the essential decency of the American people - where I came to believe that through this decency, we can build a more hopeful America," said the 45 year old Obama, who if elected would become the nation's first African-American president.

"And that is why, in the shadow of the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln once called a divided house to stand together where common hopes and common dreams still live, I stand before you to announce my candidacy for president of the United States of America."

Despite his brief tenure in the U.S.

Senate, Obama has quickly gained popularity as he pondered his bid to break the Oval Office's color barrier. According to a recent University

of New Hampshire Survey Research Center poll, Obama placed second, behind Sen. Hilary Clinton, among New Hampshire Democratic voters.

While speculation abounds over whether a Black presidential candidate can be viable, Obama - whose first name comes from the Swahili

word for "one who is blessed" - has not let the color of his skin hinder

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Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., announces his candidacy for president of the United States at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., on Saturday. Obama portrayed himself as a fresh face capable of leading a new generation.



Nancy Wilson, Songstylist, is having a great year. She has been traveling and performing all over the world and on Sunday she was presented with a crowning joy of her body of work a Grammy for the best Jazz Vocal Album, "Turned to Blue". This is just the third Grammy in her 55 year career as one of the world's best known vocalists. She won another Grammy 40 years ago and one other for R&B in 2004. She is a longtime resident of San Bernardino County and we are proud of her work. Congratulations from the hometown folks!

Foxwoods at the Grammy's

The Black Voice News

BEVERLY HILLS

By Earl Heath

There was more going on during Grammy day than The Dixie Chicks and Mary J. Blige. By now we all know that they're big deserving winners for their hard work in the industry. The Southern girls coming up with five awards while Blige landed three.

Before we go buck-wild with the rest of the well wishing and sips of champagne lets take a good look at what happen earlier in the day.

The AEC (Artist Empowerment Coalition) hosted its annual Pre-Grammy Brunch at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel.

The AEC was initiated and inspired by such music giants such as Prince, Chaka Khan, Roberta Flack and Stevie Wonder. One purpose is to help young and upcoming artist in the music industry. The non-profit coalition was formed to utilize the gift of music, art and culture to educate children.

A major sponsor was Foxwoods Resort Casino which is the largest casino in the world. Tucked away in Mashantucket, Connecticut, it is run with a great deal of pride by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation.

The Tine Productions produced the show that included a performance by Doug E Fresh and his three sons on stage at the same time.

Mercedes Benz, one of the great automakers of the world, was also a major sponsor. Corporate Developer Tommy Shi brought along a Maybach one of the best autos in the world. Many marveled as it sat gloriously in the back room of the Beverly Hills Hilton Ballroom.

Gospel singer Byron Cage was recognized for his community work and accepted his award after rocking the house with the Song "God is In Here".

Cage and his beautiful wife Sonya both attended. "I have had

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TEEN GIRL VIOLENCE ON THE RISE

Local Schools Take Proactive Approach

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

By Chris Levister

It all started over a \$.99 tube of red lip gloss. By the time Fontana High School security officers arrived in the cafeteria three girls

were kicking, punching and chunks of hair were flying. A crowd of students over the girls egged them on. Several boys recorded the fight on cell phones. Three days later the incident was video entertainment on Internet websites YouTube and MySpace.

Anyone surfing the web has probably seen recent headlines: "Violent girl fight caught on video and broadcast on YouTube". Such incidents have many psychologists, parents, educators and law enforcement officials concerned.

Fontana Police Lt. Mark

Weissmann says in most cases girls involved in school related fights are cited and forced to attend anger management classes.

That's changing, according to the U.S. Justice Department it is not just boys any longer - violence among girls is on the rise. Schools report a

similar pattern in the number of girls suspended or expelled for fighting. Around the country schools, police and teachers are seeing a growing tendency for girls to settle disputes with their fists and in some cases weapons.

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Lawsuits Filed in Riverside Shootings

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Mary Shelton

Two more civil rights lawsuits were filed against the city of Riverside last week in connection with two fatal shootings by Riverside Police Department officers that occurred last year.

These latest lawsuits join three others which have been filed during the past 18 months. Together, the litigation targets four officer-involved deaths including those of two Black men.

Attorney Brian Dunn of the Los-Angeles based Cochran firm filed two separate lawsuits in United States District Court in connection with the shootings of Lee Deante Brown and Douglas Steven Cloud. He did not return phone calls by press time.

Brown was shot and killed on April 3 by Officer Terry Ellefson after he had allegedly grabbed Ellefson's taser which had been dropped on the ground and advanced towards him and Officer Michael Paul Stucker. However, according to witness statements, all of them disagreed with the version provided by Ellefson and all

of them said that Brown's hands were empty when he was shot. Only one witness said he was not down on the ground but standing on his feet when he was shot.

Stucker said in his statement that Brown had been sitting or squatting on the ground with the taser in his hands and he had taken out his expandable baton, extended it and hit Brown twice below the knees. As he was assessing whether to hit him again, he heard the two gunshots from Ellefson's firearm.

The Community Police Review Commission initiated an investigation of the Brown shooting which was put on hold by the city and the police department after the department's investigators discovered new evidence, according to Asst. City Manager Tom DeSantis who provided this information during his power point presentation at several recent meetings.

Two officers, David Johansen and Nicholas Vasquez shot and killed Cloud after they had responded to a call for a robbery in process and saw that the reported vehicle had crashed into a truck and a palm tree. Earlier, Cloud had allegedly stolen a cleaner from a Home Depot and fled in his vehicle after customers tried to stop

him. He soon crashed his car, the officers stopped at the scene and Johansen and Vasquez had drawn their firearms while a third officer tried to pull Cloud out of the vehicle. The officers then together fired four times after Cloud had put his foot on the accelerator and tried to leave the scene, while also repeatedly placing his hand on the console, according to a briefing provided by the police department last October.

The CPRC is currently investigating the Cloud shooting, but the current status of that investigation is unknown.

Two separate lawsuits were filed by family members of Terry Rabb, who died in police custody on Oct.2, 2005. One of them, was filed in U.S. District Court on behalf of his father, sisters and two of his children and alleged that his civil rights were violated by Officers Camillo Bonome and John Garcia after both officers responded to a 9-11 phone call made by Rabb's friends. Rabb, who was Black, had begun experiencing symptoms of severe hypoglycemic shock and had very agitated which led to the call for medical assistance. The officers arrived along with two employees

who worked for the city's fire department to assist Rabb.

Rabb suffered cardiac arrest after both officers had tried to restrain him. After Rabb had began walking towards them swinging his arms and later stood on the couch, Bonome had pushed him down on the couch, put his weight on top of his back and tried to apply a carotid restraint on him. According to his statement, Bonome said that he was unable to complete the restraint because Rabb's chin was tucked into his chest. He Garcia and one of the medical personnel had then handcuffed Rabb and sat him down in front of the couch where the officers left him. Minutes later, Rabb stopped breathing so the officers undid his handcuffs and the medical personnel began trying to revive him. He died after being transported to a local hospital.

The department did an investigation and determined that the officers, actions were within policy. The CPRC did its own investigation and reached a similar conclusion although Investigator Butch Warnberg had listed several concerns in his report, including allegations by Rabb's friends that

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Irma Lindsay

Lindsay to be Memorialized

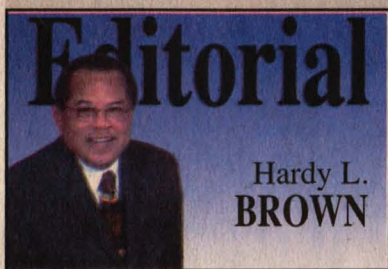
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SAN BERNARDINO

Irma Jean Lindsay was born on December 14, 1935 to Curtis and Nellie (Kennedy) Porter. She was the second of five children born to this union. Irma grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated from Crispus Attucks High School. She attended Bethel A.M.E. Church where she sang in the youth ensemble and choir. Irma worked at RCA, where she met and married Guy L. Moore, Sr. From this union she was blessed with five children: Charlotte, Sandra, Marcia, Beverly

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Dixie Chicks the way home can be "The Long Way Around" Sometime



Hardy L. BROWN

I grew up on a variety of music from my church choir and school glee club singing gospel, to listening to rhythm and blues and rock and roll in my Uncle Harry's juke joint, or listening to Randy Record Hop out of Nashville on the radio, and watching the Grand Old Opry's country singers on television. I thought of those



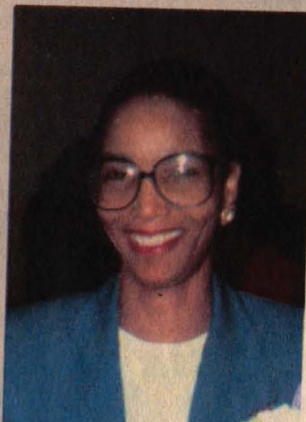
Dixie Chicks backstage display their 5 Grammy wins.

days as I watched the Grammy's on CBS last Sunday and was excited for all of the winners, however I was really happy to have the Dixie Chicks garner those awards after being dissed by the Bush Administration three years ago. If you recall some conservative friends of Bush went ballistic when the Dixie Chicks said they were ashamed to be from Texas because of the President's actions. I thought the Dixie Chicks were right then and now we know they were right. Most Americans are ashamed now after learning we went to war over misinformation. The voters removed some representatives who supported the war from office and the Grammy's honored the Dixie Chicks acknowledging that we took the "long way around" but we are here now. I like the lyrics to their song "Taking the Long Way Around": "It's been two long years now, since the top of the world came crashing down, and I'm getting back on the road now; But I'm taking the long way, taking the long way around. Oh, I'll just take my time; I won't lay down and take the long way around. Well, I fought with a stranger and I met myself, I opened my mouth and I heard myself, It can get pretty lonely when you show yourself, Guess I could have made it easier on myself"

The Dixie Chicks could have made it easier on themselves by saying nothing, like those in congress who are now speaking up. The Chicks, like me, did not have access to any information but knew the administration rhetoric did not match up with the reality of how they were raised. Many of you know things are not matching up but are too afraid to open your mouths. Yes, it might be the long way around but you will feel better when you lay down at night. They fought with Bush, a stranger, and met themselves. Adversity has a way of revealing who you actually are. I'm happy they opened their mouths and hope their actions will pry many more mouths open between now and the next presidential election.

Happy Retirement Ella Harris

Ella Harris, a friend of mine who watched my back for many years, retired from Kaiser a few weeks ago. I hired her in my office based on her clerical and organizational skills and upon the recommendation of longtime friend Wilbur Brown. I had to produce a five inch thick Affirmative Action Program Manual each year and Ella had the responsibility of typing each page with accuracy. She also had the important responsibility to tone down my direct approach to solving problems. Ella had a way of changing my phrases without changing my point of view and making it palatable to the reader. It is one thing to have your say but you want the recipient to not get angry but take action to correct the issue. When you're on a management team who views your job as the enemy and even eavesdrops at your door to see who you talk with, you need a person like Ella on your side. I was an investigator and problem solver of employee grievances and complaints and she was a keeper of the records. She also helped me recruit students for Kaiser's summer employment program of which she took over when my duties changed. She understood the mission of that program and the need to ensure that a diverse student body was essential to its success. It is my understanding that when her duties were changed the diversity of that program went out the window. It was good having her as a friend. Most of all she could be trusted and the employees could confide in her when I was not available to assist them. Earning the trust of employees and managers is critical when you work in Human Resources. Ella, enjoy retirement, you deserve it!



Ella Harris

INSPIRED AGAIN...

Did anyone catch the speech...http://www.barackobama.com/

All I can say is WOW!! Like I said before I don't like either of the mainstream political parties but the good Senator from Illinois has my attention and definitely my vote!!

He is by far the most qualified candidate and a breath of fresh air.

Question is... is America ready?

Putting aside the fact that we have a chance to show the world

Open Letter to the San Bernardino City Council

I am writing concerning Measure Z.

I fully support the addition of new police officers and of proper equipment for the police. However, suppression is only one of the components needed to move the city forward. Research shows that other cities that have achieved success have prevention, intervention and suppression programs, as well as

Open Letter to the San Bernardino City Council

I was born here in San Bernardino, 3rd generation and this is my community. With regards to revenue created by Measure Z, I believe that to employ many more police officers will only treat the symptoms and not the cause of the current troubles in our community. Yes, we should add a few officers

Letters to the Editor

that we can truly put aside our "skin problems" and look at the needs of this nation and the world. What a powerful message we could send the world!! A nation that has built itself on the backs of minorities has finally progressed to point they are willing to elect one to the highest office in the land.

This election is going to be very interesting. The Republican candidates are weak and so are the other Democratic candidates. I am finally interested in politics. We will see how it goes. Looking at the math I am thinking it will be a tough

split for the DEM nomination as Senator Obama has the backing of America's favorite woman (Oprah W) who controls a large segment of the female population then there is Senator Clinton who is obviously a woman. My guess is it will come down to personality. Many women don't like Senator Clinton as she is not very lady like (No offense intended just a truism.) I am going out on a limb and assigning a .6 prob that it will be Senator Obama for the DEM nomination.

Looking at the REP field I think Senator McCain will easily

pull out the lead (I predict ex-mayor Guiliani will self destruct due to his personal life (too many skeletons). Despite being a war hero he is going to struggle in the final election due to his closeness to the current President's policies. Besides Sen McCain represents the old school that many Americans are pissed at. Personally I have respect for the man as a fellow warrior but his way of thinking is outdated and doesn't address the needs of a changing nation. Just my thoughts!

L. S.
Riverside, CA

a strong collaborative relationship with the community at large. While I agree that the amount of money targeted by measure Z for prevention/intervention is minimal and that an older van is probably not the best investment, I do believe that the money could be invested in the CBDG fund and used to increase the capacity of one or two youth serving organizations in the City.

If the City Council does not like the administrations' propos-

als for youth programming, then they should work with members of the community who are willing to assist the City in seeking outside funding for current and future youth programs.

ICUC youth in the City have just completed a survey of all high school students in the San Bernardino Unified School District. The outcomes are being processed. Please pay attention to what they have to say. They are the future of the city and may hold some of the

answers we need.

In closing, it will take all facets of our City working together for a safer community. A City whose members are respectful of one another, welcomes families and values their ideas and provides an environment that encourages economic prosperity and safer neighborhoods.

Stephani Congdon
San Bernardino, CA

who specialize in working with those who suffer from mental illness, but healing the people and the families who live here should be our first priority. There are already several organizations here in San Bernardino striving to do just that.

I attended the graduation of two men on Saturday who, two years ago, had just been released from jail. They are both attending college and working and on

their own now. One of them asked me how he could give a little back.

There are three or four women who see 50 to 150 people a day who are homeless, mentally ill, physically ill or simply poor. Single parents and grandparents raising children are often there for help now. They can receive free food and clothing, and referrals to services that can assist them with finding a place to live

or getting the medical help that they need. And when all else fails, they can be held and comforted or prayed with.

Again, I urge each one of you to consider the healing of San Bernardino as opposed to simply locking up its hurt and broken people and families.

Shirili Smith
San Bernardino, CA

Base politics impede SB's Phoenix impetus

By Steve Lambert

Sun Editor

Courtesy of The San Bernardino Sun

Faith comes in all shapes and sizes.

So do its challenges. As hundreds, maybe thousands, gather today in San Bernardino around a common goal - ending violence - the line is being drawn more clearly than ever between those who have faith, and those who don't.

Set aside the spiritual undertone of this afternoon's Interfaith Festival for Peace in Our Community. The real issue here is do we believe in ourselves and do we believe enough in others to set aside our differences and change the world?

The encouraging news is that for more than a year, that hope, that belief, that faith has grown stronger as we confront a crime and gang menace that afflicts every town, every city within our reach.

We've seen a surge in community involvement, and watched neighboring towns tear down the walls between them in a bold new spirit of collaboration. We've put our faith behind those with the will to make change happen and the vision to understand what that entails.

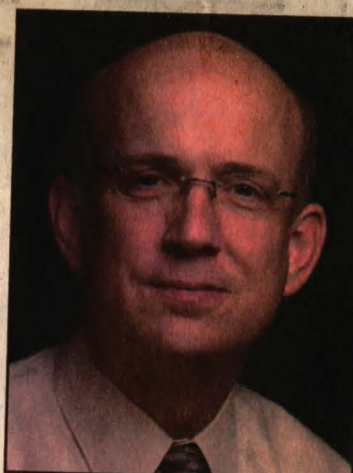
The interfaith festival, which begins at 3 p.m. at the Roosevelt Bowl in Perris Hill Park, embodies that new spirit. It marks a significant breakthrough among local clergy and clergy groups, who, despite their enormous potential to effect positive change through a united front, have struggled over the years to come together.

Even as calls for community involvement grew louder with each new child murder, efforts to create a united front among clergy often became tangled in personality clashes.

So if they've settled their differences, certainly our elected leaders can & right? You wouldn't know it from the sniping at Mayor Pat Morris' "Operation Phoenix" anti-crime program.

Let's get something straight, first. Scrutiny is a good thing, and the Mayor's Office should be held accountable for how Phoenix money is spent.

But despite all the chatter and



Steve Lambert

hand-wringing over who's overseeing what, that's not really what's in play here. What we've got are San Bernardino politics at its worst, exacerbated by arrogance and enabled by a ward system that puts self interest ahead of what's best for the community as a whole.

How else can one explain the increasingly annoying debate over Measure Z funding? "Z," you'll recall, was the sales-tax hike overwhelmingly approved by voters to fund the city's anti-crime program.

At issue is whether all of the money should go to law enforcement, or if some should help fund social programs that deal with the root causes of crime.

Again, voters made their intentions clear 12 months ago when they elected Morris on a broad-based anti-crime platform of intervention, prevention and suppression. They agreed that to make a real dent in the crime problem, it takes more than hiring additional police.

The cops know that. Speaking for the San Bernardino County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association, Redlands Police Chief Jim Bueermann wrote last week in support of targeting 8 percent of initial Measure Z funding to preventive programs.

"We absolutely believe that cops count in any community's approach to combating crime," Bueermann wrote. "However, our individual and collective expertise, coupled with strong research findings, tell us that in the long run, there is simply more to controlling criminal behavior."

The San Bernardino City Council, of course, knows better,

and has delayed a decision on what to do with the 8 percent, which adds up to \$114,000.

Councilman Tobin Brinker says the cash "should go to police vests, Tasers and communications equipment." Tell that to a teenager whose life could be changed by a jobs program, or a kid who needs a safe haven to go to after school.

Councilman Chas Kelley was more defiant. "I want to be clear: I am for policing and not programs. We need to police this city."

Clear, all right. And more than a little misguided.

Again, Bueermann: "Refusing to pay heed to (San Bernardino Police Chief Mike) Billdt, Mayor Morris, the experts in the field, community leaders and relevant crime-control research is foolhardy."

Where the ward system fits into all of this is that some on the coun-

cil can't accept that the vast majority of Z funding is going to targeted high-crime neighborhoods that they don't represent.

The reality is that until and unless the worst of the worst is dealt with, everyone's at risk. Police chiefs outside of San Bernardino get that, which is one of the reasons they support Billdt - and his support of Operation Phoenix - as adamantly as they do.

Phoenix bashers use this to try to justify their calls for additional police, never admitting that if you throw a few more cops their way, they're able to save face with their constituents.

So around and around we go, making little progress when we could be changing the world.

That, of course, requires vision, collaboration and more than a little faith.

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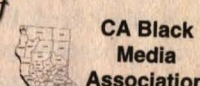
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Large Crowd Attends Riverside Black History Parade

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RIVERSIDE

By Meagan Carter

"It takes a Village," was the theme of the Riverside Black History Parade and Expo. The sun was shining beautifully for the annual event that recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of Black people. The seventy eight entries were varied, from a two year old drummer, to a Carnival troupe, (Brazil style).

The parade was announced by the trio of Craig Goodwin, Eugenia Turner and Cheryl Brown, veterans of announcing the parade.

Kickoff featured the Poly High School JROTC, and the Color Guard and Drill Team.

Sunnymead Middle School came back for its 5th year. They are one of the area's most active public school bands.

Carmen Roberts, the chair since 1987, welcomed the large crowd that gathered. She and husband Dell deserved a standing ovation, for the superb organization of the day's event. Husband Dell, said two thumbs up as he walked to the expo located in the Main Street promenade.

The car clubs were hot this year each with several entries, The Ultimate Riders, The Corvette of Choice Car Club, Slow Motion 4 Life Car Club and Coacher Car Club showed off their restoration and/or care of their collector automobiles.

Entries came from Los Angeles and from Palm Springs (James O. Jesse Desert Highland Center's Drill and Drum Squads) as well as the local area.

The Grand Marshal was Dr. Temetry A. Lindsey. Lindsey is a local person who has made her mark in the world of health.

A graduate of John North High School, she also attended Jurupa Jr. High in Rubidoux, CA. She was accepted to and completed her undergrad degree at the University of California, Riverside in Political Science. Not satisfied with that accomplishment she attended Pepperdine and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Her insatiable desire for achievement and education earned her a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of LaVerne in 2001.

For 22 years she has been employed at the Inland

Behavioral & Health Services, Inc. beginning as a Program Director, working her way up to the CEO and President of the center.

Her volunteer work centers in the same health field. She is the President of the Central Valley Health Network, and is either currently or past Secretary of the Board of Directors of the California Primary Care Association, National Association of Community Health Centers, California State Assembly Commissioner for Health Centers, past member of the California State Substance Abuse Executives and Executive Committee for the African American Health Initiative.

Lindsey also is on the cutting edge as she recently broke ground for a state-of-the-art 28,400 square foot medical facility that is slated to open in September of 2007.

The project has been on the drawing board for five years is valued at over \$10 million. It will easily accommodate 50,000 and 100,000 annual visits to the communities of San Bernardino and Riverside. She was recently named by Black Voice News one of the area's most influential minority women.

She did much of this while being a single parent to two chil-

dren who are now grown.

Division Marshal's were, Dr. Herman Clements and Orlando Ruff.

Clements is a board certified Psychiatrist with an added certification in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is a graduate of Ohio State University, completing his residency at the Medical Center located in Columbus, Ohio. He returned to Riverside when he was offered the Medical Director position at Loma Linda University Behavioral Health Center assisting in the Electro-Convulsive Therapy Program. In 2005 he joined the largest psychiatric medical group in Southern

California and became head psychiatrist of two offices in the Hemet location. He attends Rubidoux SDA where he serves in the Cradle Roll Program.

Ruff, is a product of Moreno Valley after moving here from Charleston, SC at an early age. He signed as a rookie with the San Diego Chargers in 2002. He was a Middle Line Backer. In 2005 he became the starting Middle Line Backer for the New Orleans Saints. From there he went to the Cleveland Browns where he retired and now lives in Riverside.

Many of the drill and drum squads at the parade were good, but the most memorable were the

Wilsonettes Drill and Drum squad, San Bernardino's Most Wanted from the American Legion Post 710 and the perennial favorite The San Bernardino Westside Steppers franchise.

We can't have a quality parade without horses. And the equestrian teams were more abundant than we've seen in many years. There was the Lakeview Posse, from Moreno Valley, The Riverside Ranchero Jr. Equestrian Team each carrying the American Flag; Jr. Posse Youth Equestrian Program of Compton, California; A group formerly known as the

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Riverside city government representatives: Councilman Dom Betro, Assistant to the Mayor Yvette Pierre, Mayor Ronald Loveridge, Councilman Andy Melendrez, Councilwoman Nancy Hart and Councilman Art Gage.



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Second Baptist BAM Youth Group

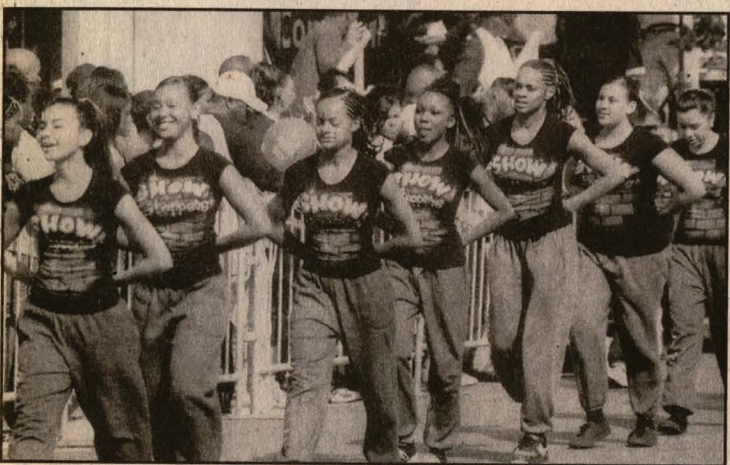


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Poly High School



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Knights of Peter Claverr Ladies Auxilliary #257

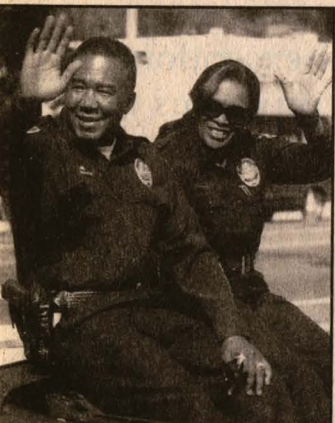


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Capt. Jim Cannon and Officer Cheryl Hayes

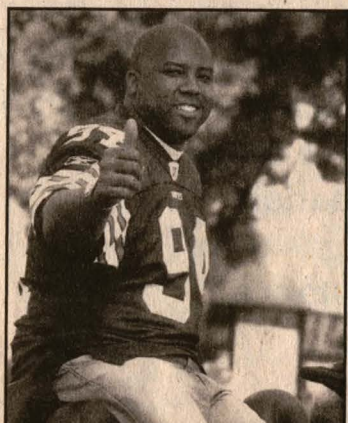


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Orlando Ruff, Division Marshal

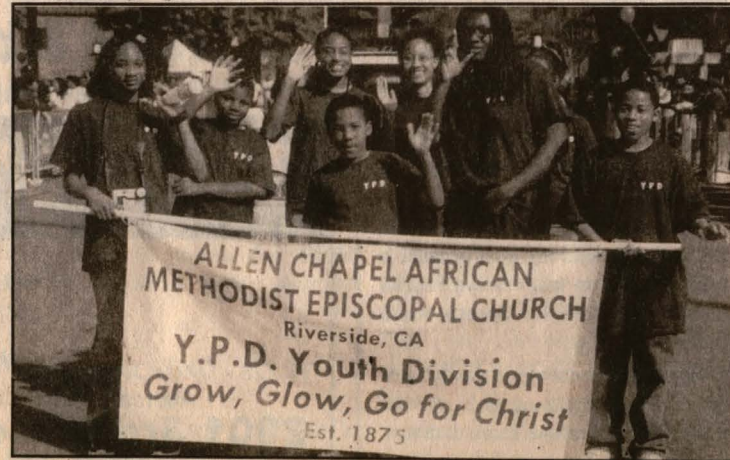


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Oldest Black church in Riverside Allen Chapel AME, 1875



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Post 710 Guy Wynton Morris Drill & Drum squad

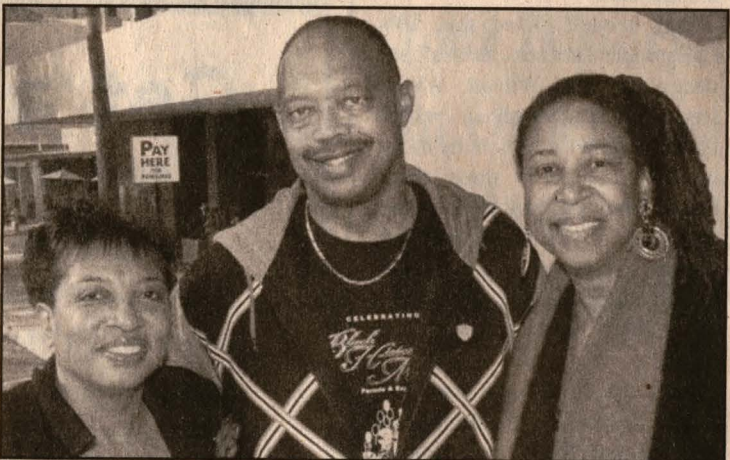


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Parade announcers are Cheryl Brown, Publisher, Black Voice News, Craig Goodwin, 5th generation Riverlander, Operations Manager, First American Title Company (Counties of San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino) and Eugenia Turner, native Riverlander, and graduate of Rubidoux High School.



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Riverside Black History Committee Chairperson Carmen Roberts



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Kahanda Saleem with his booth of African art and crafts from Tanzania and Kenya at the expo following the parade.



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Longtime Riverside residents Rev. and Mrs. Will Edmonds.

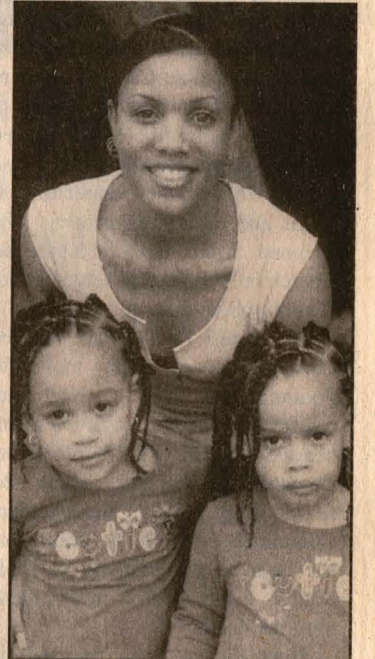


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Former JW North High track student Staci Aubert with her nieces, the Osbourn twins.



Photo by John Coleman

Harper's Cavaliers, Jon Jon Harris marches in memory of Oscar Harper a longtime parade supporter.

OBAMA

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his career.
He graduated from Columbia

University, and was the first Black president of the Harvard Law Review. He practiced civil rights law and taught at the University of Chicago Law School. He served in the Illinois state Senate from 1997 to

2005 when he was sworn in as U.S. senator.

In his Saturday announcement, Obama acknowledged his short tenure in Washington. "I know I haven't spent a lot of time learning

the ways of Washington, but I've been here long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change."

Obama promised to overhaul a political system he says is dominated by lobbyists and special interest groups "who've turned our government into a game only they can afford to play. They write the checks and you get stuck with the bills. The

time for that kind of politics is over."

Obama told the crowd he would tackle problems like poor schools, economic hardships and dependence on foreign oil, saying "failure of leadership" is to blame for not meeting the nation's challenges.

He called the war in Iraq a "tragic mistake" and said, "It's time to admit that no amount of American lives can resolve the political dis-

agreement that lies at the heart of someone else's civil war. That's why I have a plan that will bring our combat troops home by March 2008."

"Letting the Iraqis know that we will not be there forever is our last, best hope to pressure the Sunni and Shia to come to the table and find peace," Obama said.

VIOLENCE

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Renee Dunbar, a 15-year-old San Bernardino student who leads group discussions for middle school girls about handling conflict, recalled watching a dozen of her school-mates jump another girl in the bathroom.

"I was shocked. They kicked her in the stomach and head and rammed her face in the toilet. I was just like, 'My God, these girls are going to kill her,'" Dunbar said.

At least as disturbing to Dunbar as the group attack itself was the reaction of the boys who gathered around cheering the girls on.

"The boys though it was funny and they egged it on," she said.

The Justice Department's Uniform Crime Report from 1992 to 2004 indicates the number of girls arrested on all charges increased by 8.4 percent, compared with a decline among boys of 16.4 percent. The glaring observations involved figures for aggravated assault; girls arrested nationwide rose 41 percent, as opposed to a 4.3 percent increase among boys.

Last month New York police arrested two 14-year-old girls and a 13-year-old girl in the vicious beating of a girl that was recorded on video camera and broadcast on the Internet.

Area law enforcement and school security officials stress the majority of the local girls are not engaged in fighting. But those who are actively participating in the battles have created tension among students, teachers and district officials.

Last month on three consecutive days police were called to Riverside North High School to quell fights between Black and Hispanic boys and girls. In one fight, eyewitnesses reported seeing a girl throw the first punch.

Principal Dale Kinnear wrote in an e-mail to his staff "I was stunned to see the 'evilness' between some of these students."

Riverside child psychologist Shelia-Denise Pinkston, who has

extensive experience with African-American juvenile cases, believes violence among girls has graduated from hair pulling and name calling. "It has evolved into physical violence and by groups of girls. The pack mentality, usually seen among boys, has caught up with girls."

"As we market violence to girls their responses to problems and pain expands," Pinkston says major risk factors for violence include gun availability, poverty, alcohol and drug use, abusive family environments and poor self esteem.

"These girls feel disenfranchised and alienated. They are angry. Fighting is often their way of crying out for attention."

It seems that when there's a girl fight, it's much more violent than guys says, Pinkston. "They dig in. When boys fight and someone in authority shows up they usually stop or disperse. Girls just keep punching and kicking. They don't hear you."

Pinkston is among a growing chorus of mental health professionals who blame the Internet and mass media for sending increasingly violent messages to young girls, making it hard for them to work out their differences in appropriate ways.

From "Jerry Springer" to MTV to YouTube to CNN, images of girls behaving violently are splashed across the media. Small wonder fall-out from hyping the "mean girl" culture has landed in local schools, officials say.

Inland police and school security officials say most Inland communities remain on the fringe of the growing trend. Still says Lt. Weissmann, "It's just a matter of time before the troubling trend takes hold out here."

Local schools are taking a proactive approach by offering support



This grainy photograph of a girl fight was taken with a student's cell phone and broadcast on YouTube, a popular social networking site on the Internet.

programs for girls and their parents. At the "Ladies Club" at San Bernardino Arroyo Valley High and "Girlfriends 101" at Curtis Middle School, girls are encouraged to express themselves through creative or directed activities such as role playing, drama, journaling, poetry, dance and art. The program stresses respect, friendship, decision making and trusting oneself, said Linda Hill spokesperson for San Bernardino City Schools.

SB chief investigator Lt. Scott Patterson says parents need to pay more attention to how their children behave in social situations, and that bullying behavior often appears early in childhood. "What kids see, kids emulate. If the home environment is abusive or violent, it's only natural that those attitudes would trickle down."

He says there's a tendency for parents to defend their children. "A parent will get a call from the school and they'll charge into the office saying, 'Jenny would never fight, she's an honors student. She's a good kid.'"

The problem with that defense Lt. Patterson said is, "Just because a child is great in math doesn't mean they're able to solve an emotional problem."

Most observers agree the dynamics of violence among girls may be troubling but without more data parents and educators are left to grasp at tip-of-the-iceberg snapshots indicating far deeper problems.

FREEMAN

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Graduate School of Management where she received an Advanced Management Certificate in 2000.

As a resident of Riverside for over 25 years, she has a passion for politics and the arts and is committed to the local ballet. She volunteers her time during local performances and enjoys her involvement in fund-raising. Freeman has also been a mem-

ber of the Links, Inc, raising scholarship money for economically disadvantaged students. As the 2003 Chairperson of the Arts Facet, she developed activities specifically designed to expose young children to the arts. Freeman is active in voter registration/education and currently serves as President of the Business and Professional Women's Auxiliary at Life Church of God in Christ. She has received the NAACP's 2005 Community Drum Major Award for Governmental

Service, and she is a member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce - Leadership Riverside - Class of 2005.

"Senator Obama stirs up hope, faith, and determination in Americans everywhere," she said. She is looking for volunteers to work on the campaign. Email her at debrah.freeman@sbcglobal.net or call her at (951) 780-1533 and leave a message if she is unavailable.

She and her husband Calvin have two children, Nicholas and Bianca.

LINDSAY

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and Guy, Jr. During this union she also raised one stepdaughter, Anna Katheleene. Irma and her family moved to Venice, California where they resided and later moved to Compton. Later, the family moved to Pomona where Irma worked as a Quality Assurance Inspector for Xerox and General Dynamics. She attended South Hills Presbyterian Church in Pomona and served as the Director of Music.

On August 11, 1985 she married Ozro Lindsay, Sr. They moved to Fontana and then to Highland, California. She was an active member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church of San Bernardino, California. There, she served on the Bereavement Committee, sang in the choir, and she enjoyed participating in Bible Study. Irma resided in Highland until her death.

Irma Lindsay was preceded in death by her husband Ozro Lindsay, Sr., Father, Curtis Porter, Sr., and brothers Curtis Porter, Jr., and Richard Porter.

She is survived by 5 children: Charlotte Johnson (Robert) of Highland, CA; Sandra Evans (Stephen) of Apple Valley, CA; CW3(Ret) Marcia Moody (John) of Olympia, WA; Beverly Randall (Keith) of Ontario, CA; and MSGT Guy Moore, Jr. (Aarnette) of Las Vegas, NV; 5 Stepchildren Anna Katheleene of Indianapolis, IN; Zachary Lindsay of Fontana, CA; Ozro, Jr. of Brea, CA; Gary Lindsay of Oxonhill, MD; Cozette Bradley of Fontana, CA.

Irma is also survived by her mother, Nellie Hayden of Indianapolis, IN; 2 brothers: Ernest Porter of Oceanside, CA and Clifton Porter of Compton, CA; 1 sister: Christine Craig (Mathew) of

Hesperia, CA; 2 Sisters-in-Law: Mae Porter of Anaheim, CA, and Parazada "Penny" Coleman of Los Angeles, CA; 1 step-mother: Joanne Porter of Las Vegas, NV; 2 step-

brothers: Glen Howard and William Porter of Las Vegas, NV; 12 grand children, 9 great-grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. She will be dearly missed.

RABB

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Bonome had made statements prior to attempting the carotid restraint that Rabb appeared to be under the influence of an illegal substance, mentioning PCP and crack cocaine. Rabb tested negative for both drugs.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court alleged that Rabb's civil rights were violated when police officers battered him, placed him under false arrest and conspired to deprive him of his life and liberty. The county of Riverside and American Medical Response ambulance services were also sued for failure to provide mandatory medical care.

Tim Gaffney, from the firm which filed the lawsuit said that the lawsuit had been filed and they had received responses from the city.

"The lawsuit speaks for itself, really," Gaffney said.

Summer Marie Lane's family members filed a lawsuit against the city and Officer Ryan Wilson in 2005, after learning that the version of that fatal officer-involved shooting that had been provided by the department had included erroneous information. Lane was shot and killed by Wilson on Dec. 6, 2004 after she had allegedly hit him with her car earlier in the incident while Wilson had been trying to detain her male companion. Initially, at a briefing before the CPRC on Dec.

22, 2004, the department representative had said that Wilson had been down the ground behind Lane's approaching car when he fired the fatal shots.

A different version first appeared at a public meeting nine months later.

That version stated that after Christopher Grottness had stopped struggling with Wilson, Wilson stood up and walked behind Lane's stationary vehicle up to her window and fired three times inside from several feet away, according to two interdepartmental memos submitted as part of that investigation and a briefing given by CPRC investigator Norm Wight.

After the CPRC had issued its public report, it unanimously decided that Wilson had violated the department's use of force policy when he had shot Lane. In contrast, the department backed its own investigation. The separate findings were sent to City Manager Brad Hudson who instead of deciding, handed that process off to Chief Russ Leach who backed his own department's investigation.

According to the lawsuit, Lane's family had asked the Riverside County Superior Court for permission to file a late claim because it had taken them nine months to receive the correct information. The court granted that request and the lawsuit was eventually transferred to U.S. District Court where it is still being litigated.

GRAMMY

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four CD's out," said Cage. "This is my first nomination, I am really so honored and grateful. I am excited, I am in my forties but I

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feel like I am in my twenties."

Actress and activist Sheryl Lee Ralph received an award from L. Londell McMillan.

"This could be a really cold, low down dirty business," said Ralph. "So many things are possible. I am really thankful today"

Also honored was super entertainer Common. "I have been here for three years straight, said Common. "I have been giving out

awards and its feels great to get one. I have been really blessed. I hope and I pray that my agenda is along with Gods agenda."

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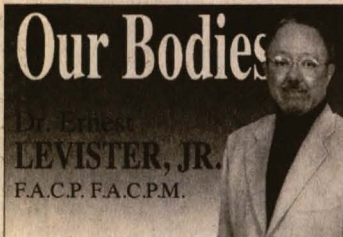


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Strong Abs and Pecs

I am a budding high school baseball player. I have lower back pain when I pitch. I have never been injured. My coach blames the pain on weak abdominal and pectoral muscles.

Could this be true?

Paul B.

Dear Paul B: Your coach's opinion is to be respected however he or she is not qualified to diagnose the source for your back pain. Consult with your team physician, personal doctor or health care professional for a formal diagnosis.

The abdominal/stomach and pectorals/chest are the most notable sets of muscles on the male body and let's face it, most women love to see chiseled abs and a bulging chest. But having strong chest and abdominal muscles not only helps your appearance, it improves your overall health and athleticism. They are two of the largest muscle groups on the human body and provide most of the power the upper body generates. The chest helps to create the fanning motion used to swing a bat or throw a baseball. In fact, building a strong chest helps improve your fastball. LA Dodger pitching sensation, Kazuhisa Ishii, spends at least 15 hours a week developing his pecs and abs.

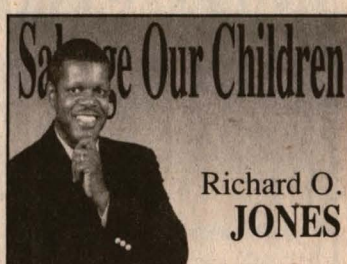
The abdominal muscles come into play with most exercises and movements. But they also connect your sternum to your lower body and help the back muscles support the spinal column, otherwise known as trunk stability. Strong abdominal muscles help support your back muscles and can reduce lower back pain. For athletics or for Brothers who want to lose that spare tire around the middle or beef up that bird chest, there are dozens of weight training routines that target your chest and mid-section. Exercises like the bench press, pec deck flys, incline press and crunches, the "meat and potatoes" of any abdominal workout, are good for building strong abs and pecs. Invest in a good weight training manual to help you perform these exercises correctly and safely.

Weight training alone won't give you a strong chest or rippling abs. You have to include a cardiovascular workout that will burn fat and a nutritional program based on your eating habits and schedule. But be sure to visit your doctor or team physician before starting any new exercise routine, and consult a fitness trainer to select the right workout for you.

The Bad News and Good News of Obsessive Video Games (Part 2 of 2)

I have adult males in my family, well into their 30s and early 40s, that are as addicted to playing video games as teenage boys. They enjoy playing against an opponent who is sitting somewhere in another location, perhaps another state, and they are connected electronically. During the Christmas season, I remember seeing young men sleeping outside of stores in order to assure that they didn't miss an opportunity to purchase a new upgraded versus of some type of video game player or entertainment center. There were even reports of fistfights and customers being robbed at gunpoint for their cherished purchase.

If these crazed players would



Richard O. JONES

spend a portion of their life learning to create these games instead of wasting their lives playing them there would be as many Black millionaire video game designers and illustrators as there is athletes and music artists. Parents and wives should redirect the video players of their household into thinking about

being trained to earn money from their passion. They could also be the force that stops the negative images of Blacks and women in video games.

In a study of some of the most popular video games — both "console" games, like Nintendo and PlayStation, and the increasingly common computer-based "PC" games — the advocacy group "Children Now" uncovered some startling statistics.

"African American females were far more likely to be victims of violence," said Eileen Espejo, senior program associate for Children Now's Children and the Media Program. "And African American

characters in general were least likely to respond to pain," like bleeding or groaning. The study also found that characters in games for young children were exclusively white. "It's not representative of the world we live in," Espejo said. "Children Now" encourages video game developers to ask themselves whether their products create or exploit stereotypes and whether the content of their games is meaningful to children.

"We know that children need to see people like themselves in the media," Espejo said. "It makes them feel that people of their race are important, it gives them role models, and it tells kids that people of differ-

ent backgrounds are ... valuable."

Minority men and women with good math and science skills are prime candidate to enter the video industry job training programs as programmers. Those with art and computer skills make good designers and illustrators. Industry experts agree that designers and illustrators need to come from a more divert walk of life in order to rid the video games of racist overtones. Presently, the video game industry in dominated by White educated males earning a six-figure income off grown men like my Black adult male relatives sitting at home playing with another player in another state.

I Have A Dream...Too

gains practical experience in leading, following, and active participation. Physical fitness emphasizes self-discipline and self-control cultivation through martial arts. Non-work time is spent meditating or quietly flowing with, listening to, and enjoying nature; watching TV only 3 hours a week; and helping the elderly and the poor.

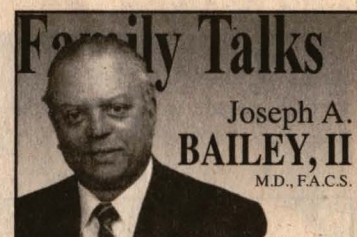
The general curriculum includes : (1) Afrocentric academia; (2) life-skills in good health, Ancient African philosophy (for inner stability and mental toughness), home maintenance, cooking, and parenting; (3) business, public speaking, and computer skills; (4) interpersonal skills in breaking up mind enslavements (e.g. intra-Black social disharmony), in manners and respect, in listening without an opinion, in honoring parents and women, and in choosing a mate and

marriage partner; (5) personal skills—grooming (e.g. haircuts, clothes, eye glasses), shedding delusions and anger, self-mastery (personal problems, bad emotions, criticisms and defeats), and developing a free mind, "pure" feelings, concentration, curiosity, creativity, rational and poetic thinking, wit and humor; and (6) career and legacy life purpose counseling and courses designed to develop and find a niche for each youth's Secret Dream and talent.

Specific attention is given to good character, math, art, music, dance, poetry, the humanities, a weekly reading contest, and bi-monthly field trips. Common sense is grounded in discussing daily a new word—for vocabulary building; for acquiring the broadest scope, the most interesting, and the greatest amount of information in the fastest way; and for taking a magic carpet ride to

wonderful places and cultures inside various nations throughout the ages. Publishing articles opens each student to self expression, to research, and to the free and effective exchange of ideas.

Working in top gear—whether alone during tough times; as a group to increase cooperation and fun; in helping the slowest catch up; and doing it enthusiastically and urgently—allows a boy time to help others do their job. Exposure to other's problems and paying attention to detail improves decision/solution skills. Marketplace success focuses on creating and setting-up jobs and products for sale as well as how to get paid and manage money. With profits from selling vegetables, flowers, and dairy products, 60% goes for each boy's college education; 30% to help support him in school; and 10% for spending. Big business is invited to



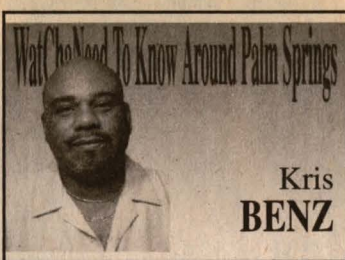
establish contact with a youth and pay for his college education. In exchange, the youth works five years post-college for them. Once established in life, each graduate is obliged to set up programs to help other struggling youth. The over all objective is to make excellence routine so as to prepare students for the most outstanding colleges, for the toughest careers, and for being the best family man.

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Kris BENZ

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at the location at 4:00am. Breakfast will be provided and a fee of \$100 will be paid to each singer. If you are interested email me at info@whatchaneed.net for more information.

Black History Month Celebrations!!
"Celebrating Black Voices in the Media"

On Friday, February 16th the Palm Springs Black History Committee will present the Soul Food Dinner and Fashion Show at South Beach in Palm Desert at 6pm.

On Saturday, February 24th will be the 20th Annual Black History Parade and Town Fair. All are invited to attend. There are still non-food booth openings for the Town Fair. If you have an entry that you would like to

are an awesome force.

MORENO VALLEY the LIBRARY is MOVING again: The City has closed the temporary storefront library in the Moreno Valley Plaza on Sunnymead Boulevard. According to Director Cynthia Pirtle that will take approximately thirty-three days. Patrons can still drop books at the storefront until February twenty-eight 2007, the City Officials have again retain the county bookmobile to still give services. Debbie Mackenzie said a library is very important to the community, she also stated that a library

enter into this 20th Celebration, feel free to contact Jarvis or Will for more information at 760-416-5715. Each year there are over Five Thousand people that attend this event.

Hot Dog!!!!

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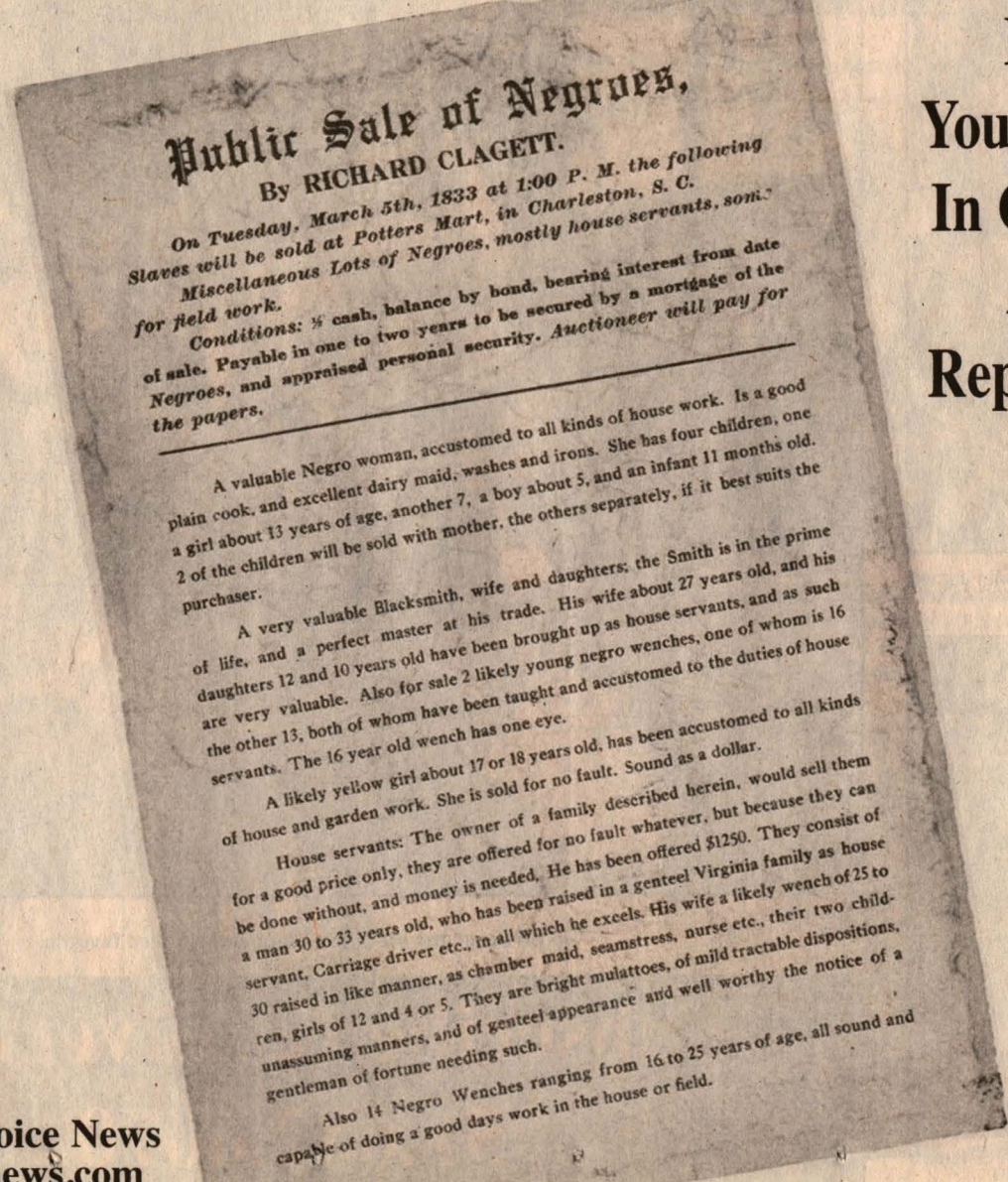
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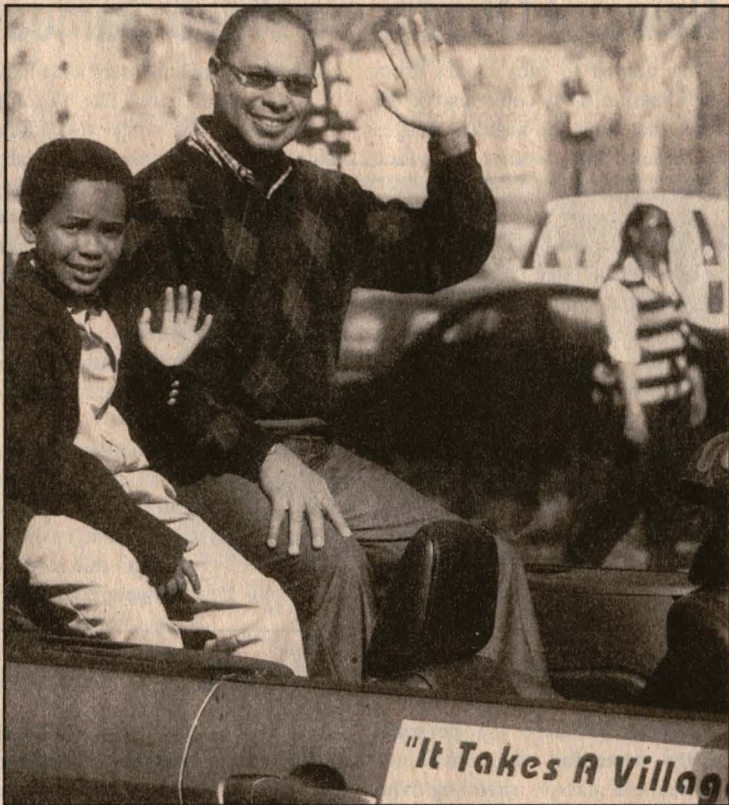
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City Slickers from Long Beach now called the West Coast Cowboys and Cowgirls Association, recently featured at the Kingdom Day Parade in Los Angeles and the Bill Pickett Rodeo; Harper's Cavaliers, riding in memory of youth and equestrian lover Oscar Harper. The group is led by "Jon Jon" Harris a local minister.

The 10 entries from Second Baptist of Riverside were outstanding as usual but the crowd missed Pastor Gantt, as he has ridden the last few years in his bike patrol.

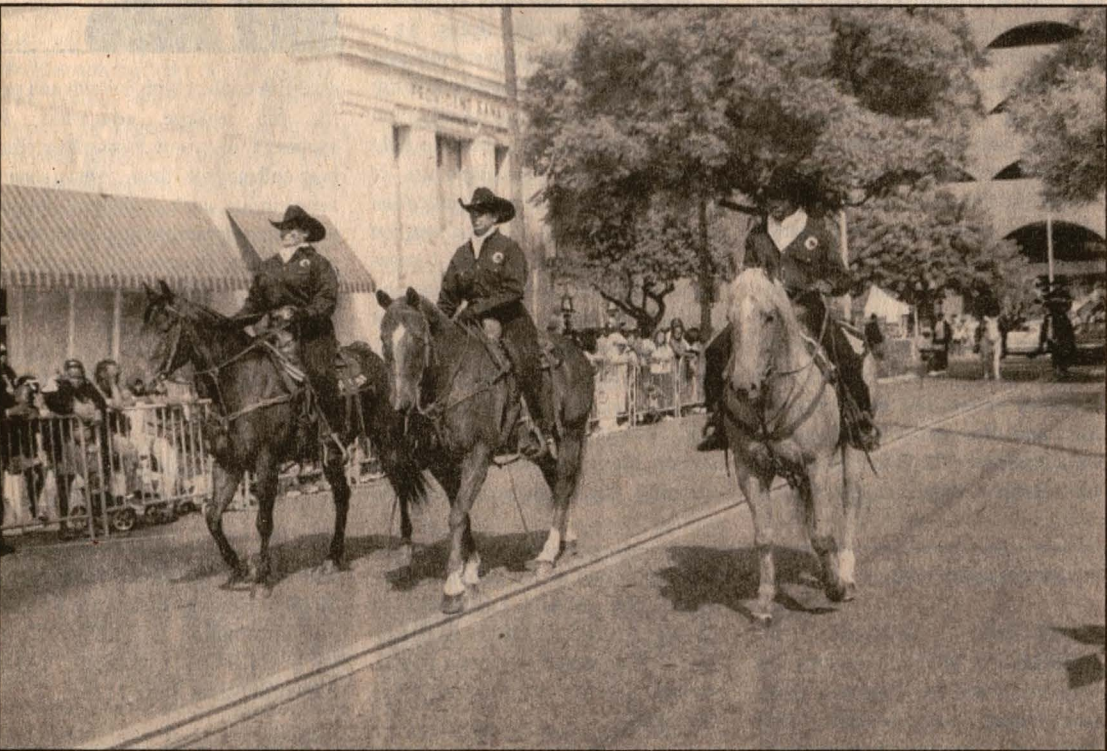
Amos Temple, Park Ave. and Allen Chapel African Episcopal Church made a showing.

"The Lord provided us with sunshine and I am pleased the way the parade went," said Dell Roberts.



Dr. Herman Clements

Photo by Jon Gaede



Equestrian Unit

Photo by Sam James



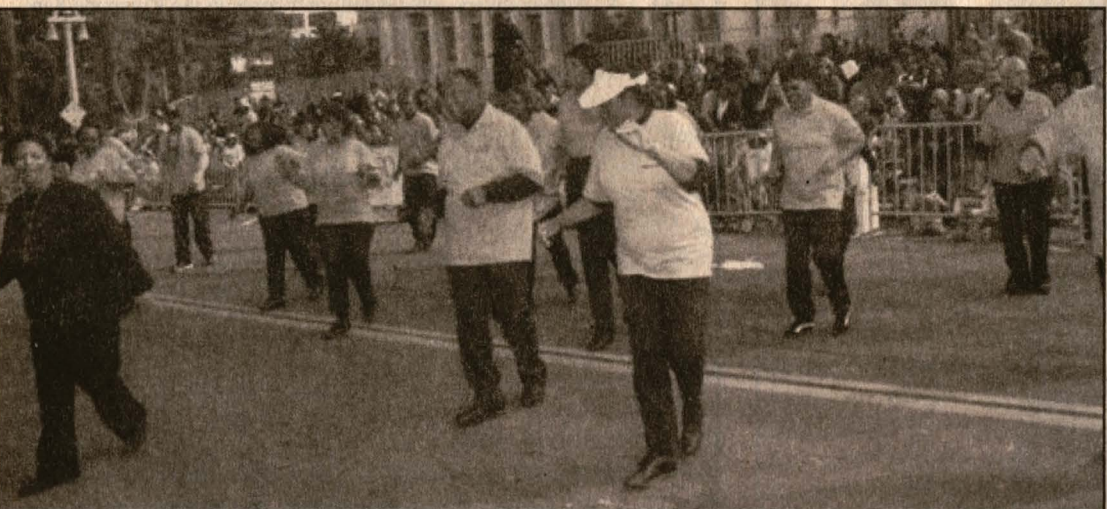
Van Horn Youth Center Color Guard

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The James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center Drill and Drum Squad.

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Harriet Stuckey and her Soul Line Dancers.

Photo by John Coleman



La Carnival Caribbean Adult Dance team.

Photo by John Coleman



Vivian Stancil, Senior Olympian Swimmer, holder of two gold, one silver and one bronze medals. She will represent the city of Riverside in the National Sr. Olympics in June in Louisville, KY.

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"Up on deck" the Westside Steppers, a crowd favorite.

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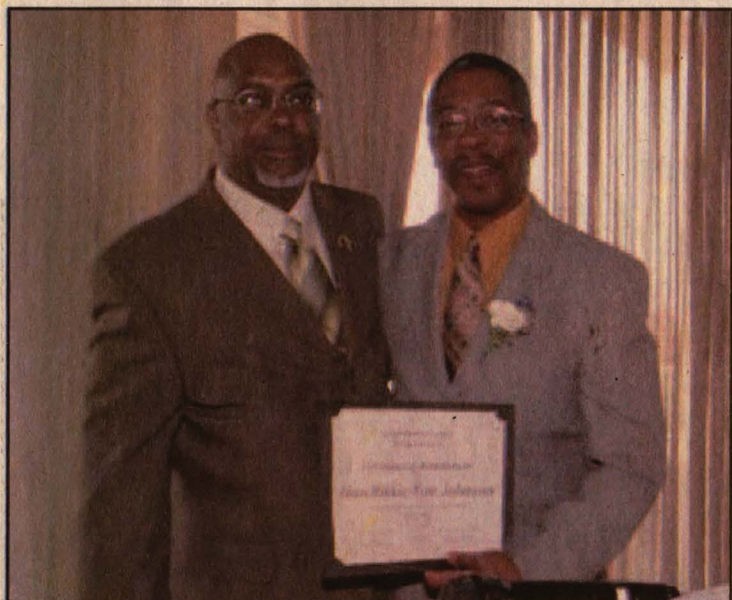
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Phylaxis Society Honors Williams and recognizes Bucks, Ballots, Brotherhood and Books



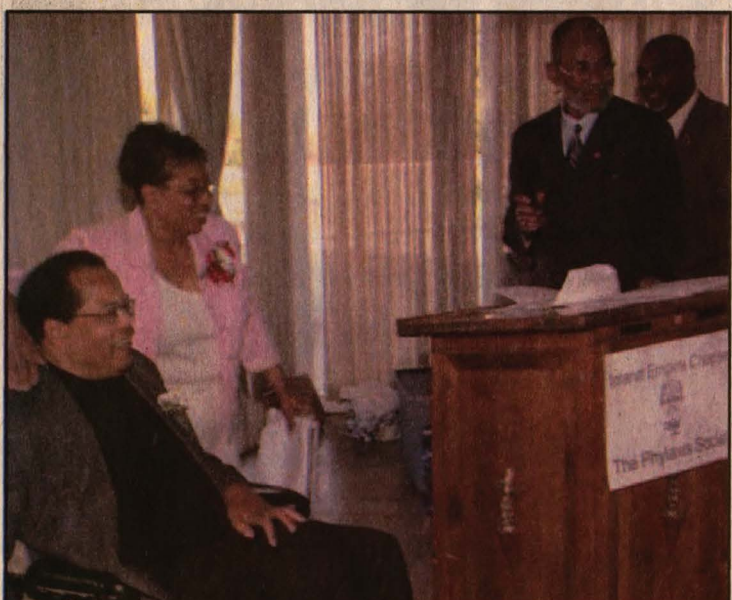
Councilman Rikke Van Johnson receives the Ballots award from I.E. Phylaxis Society President Ras Cannady.



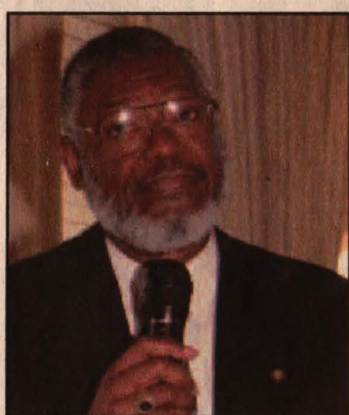
Councilwoman Deborah Robinson presents John Williams with a city proclamation.



Ras Cannady presents Bucks Award to Michael Smallwood.



Cheryl Brown receives award for Books in her Underground Railroad research. Husband Hardy Brown supports her efforts.



Master of Ceremonies Ronald Robinson, Most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of California.

Members of both Eastern Stars and the Masons from as far away as Hawaii came to the event and paid tribute to Williams. Most called Williams dedicated, loving, kind, and mild mannered. He was commended for his work to preserve the history of Prince Hall Masonry.

The master of ceremonies for the event was Ronald Robinson, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & AM- State of California kept the program moving with his cache of jokes and stories. The program was complimented with the beautiful voice of Estella Johnson.

Dr. Ras Tafari Cannady, FPS, Life and President of the

Inland Empire Chapter of Phylaxis made presentations to this year's recipients of the 4B's Ballots, Bucks, Brotherhood and Books.

Councilman Rikke Van Johnson was selected for his accomplishments at the ballot box for running and winning the 6th Ward council seat in San Bernardino and encouraging others to run for and get involved in politics.

The "Bucks" award was presented to Michael Smallwood, a local outstanding Realtor and successful businessman.

For Brotherhood, John Gray's actions were acknowledged for his work to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. He is attentive to members of the Masons and always helpful but he went above and beyond the call to duty when he actually went to New



John Gray receives award for Brotherhood. D. Obadiah Nelson and Raz Cannady (L)

Orleans for a week to help others following the hurricane. Cheryl Brown was awarded for "Books" because of her research work on the Underground Railroad.

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By Meagan Carter

John B. Williams, President of the International Phylaxis Society was the honored guest for the Annual 4 B's Luncheon held at the El Rancho Verde Country Club last week. Williams has a long history of activity with the Masons.

Williams, the author of high resolution photography, has written many articles and

is published in nationally distributed magazines as well.

Born in 1941, Williams attended school in Miami, FL. He was so brilliant that he left school in the eleventh grade to accept an early admission to Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. After graduation he taught mathematics in middle school before enlisting in the Air Force making a 20 year career out of the military and traveling all over the world. He became a Master Mason in December of 1972.

Southern California Edison Celebrates The Achievements of Black Inventors

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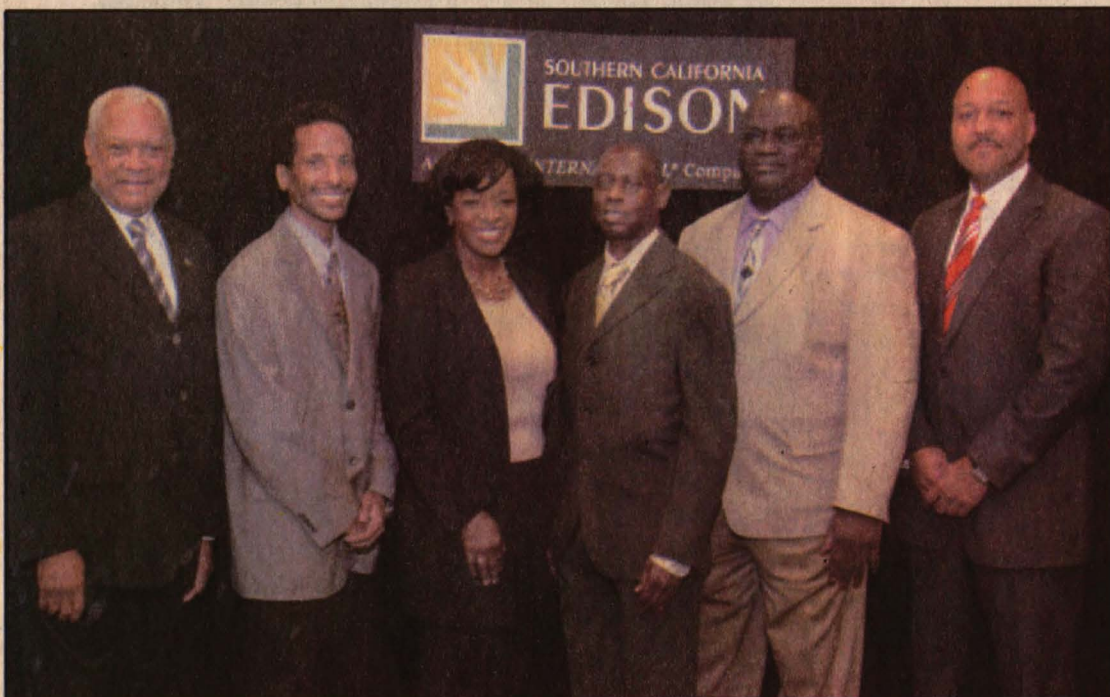
Southern California Edison (SCE) joins the nation in celebrating the history of Black achievers at its 5th Annual Black History Celebration luncheon. The event took place at SCE's Customer Technology Application Center (CTAC) in Irwindale, CA with Beverly White as the emcee and John W. Mack as

the keynote speaker.

"It is with great honor that SCE makes a special tribute to four inventors who have had a lasting impact on science, technology and our industry. We are thankful for Clayton Webb, Joseph Jackson, Keith E. Gipson and the late Peter J. Hutchinson," said Cecil House, vice president, safety, SCE.

The Black History

Celebration is organized by SCE employees to promote cultural and ethnic diversity through educational and development programs. SCE's CTAC is a 47,000 square foot facility that provides energy efficiency seminars, technology demonstrations and special events for residential and business customers.



Pictured L to R: John Mack, president, Los Angeles Police Commission; Keith E. Gipson, inventor; Beverly White, anchorwoman, KNBC 4; Clayton Webb, inventor; Joseph Jackson, inventor; and Cecil House, vice president, safety, Southern California Edison



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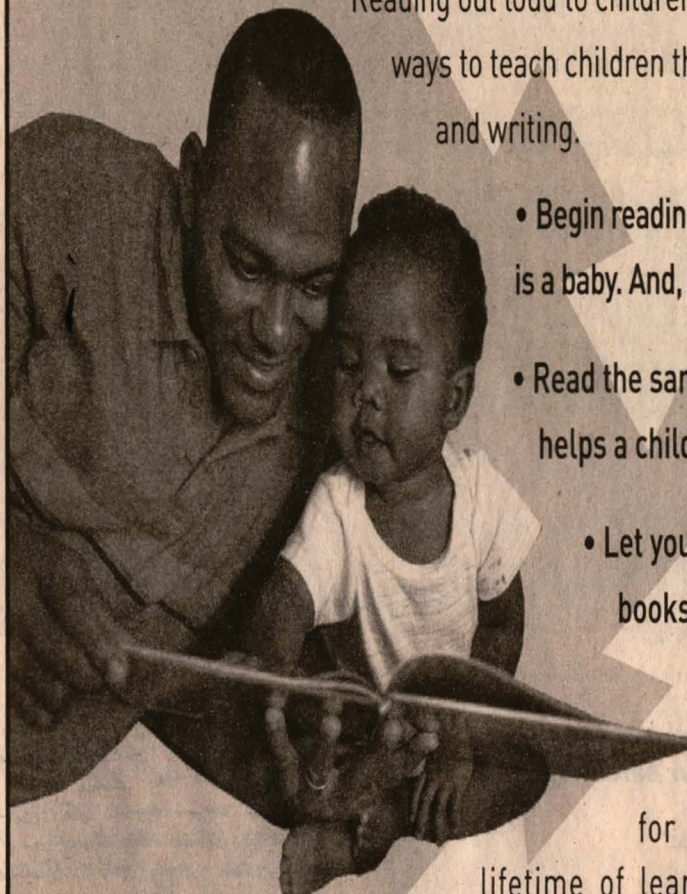
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Interfaith Festival Helps Bring Community Together



Photo by Cheryl Brown
San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, wife Sally enjoy the Interfaith Conference with their grandchildren.

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By Cheryl Brown

Pleased with the turnout and even more pleased that

the rain was held back, Father Rev. Bronica Martindale, Michael Manning Pastor of Associate Minister at New St. Anthony's Church and Hope Missionary Baptist

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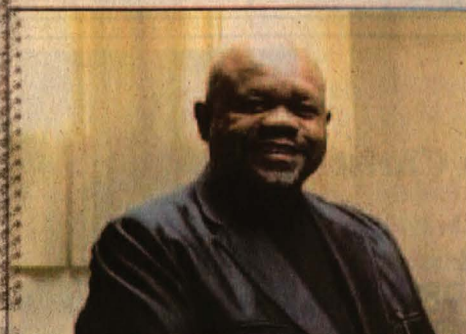
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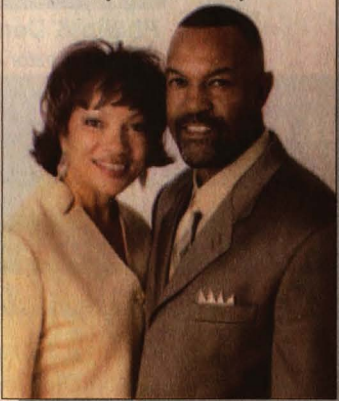
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Church exceed the Interfaith of Peace in Our Community at the Perris Hill Bowl in San Bernardino.

The idea for the event came from Rabbi Hillel Cohen who has been closely involved with the Mynisha Circle group that was formed as a

result of the death of the 11 year old Mynisha Crenshaw, who was having dinner when gang members shot into her apartment.

Many activities took place in the community to draw attention to a fast rising crime rate, one that has been

reduced since the Operation Phoenix program was instituted. The program gives a holistic approach to solving, preventing and intervening in the high crime area.

The Interfaith Festival was complete with song, dance

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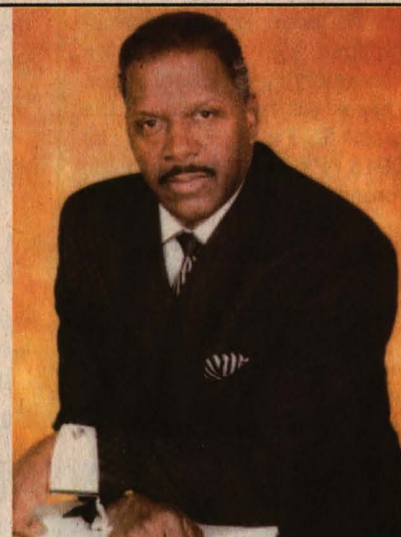
Sunday Services

Early Morning Worship 7:30 am
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The Morning Star Gospel Choir of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Los Angeles will provide the liturgical music at the Black History Mass Celebration at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Moreno Valley on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 5:30 PM.. The choir has performed in concert with Al Jarreau, at the House of Blues, and in various jazz festivals. It provided the music during the Papal visit in Los Angeles. Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte, renown educator and former principal at Washington Preparatory High School in Los Angeles will be speaker at the mass. St. Patrick is located at 10915 Pigeon Pass Rd. in Moreno Valley. (951) 485-6673.

GOD'S WOMAN CONFERENCE TURN AROUND

Charlyn Singleton Ministries will present God's Woman Conference Day Extraordinaire "Turn Around" on March 31, 2007 at Shiloh Church in Hayward, 22582 S. Garden, Hayward, CA from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Marie "Mom" Brewington, Pastor Ron Cooley & the Souls Ministry Praise Team, and Dr. Willie L. Anderson. For registration and more information call (909) 481-8400.

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and ethnic foods from several cultures.

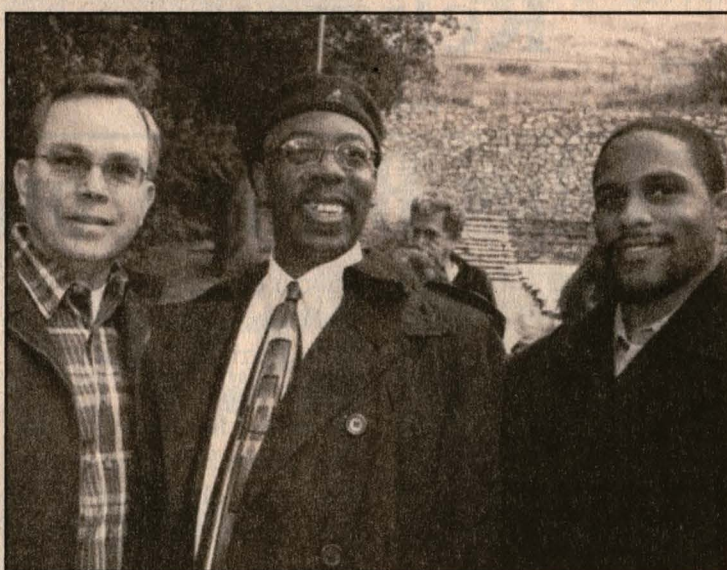
After greetings from Mayor Pat Morris and welcomes from Trudy Friedel, representing the S.B. Clergy Association and Brenda Fredrick, Chair of the San Bernardino Human Relations Commission the various faith/cultures danced, sang and recited their religion's Holy words. It began with the Native American, and Aztec Dancers, the Diocese of San Bernardino and selections from the Qu'ran chanted by Jadallah Mustafa, and April Biedermann.

Others on program included Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church, the Knidu and representing New Hope was Rev. Martindale.

The Monks from Khmer Buddhist Society recited from the Holy Tri Pitaka in Pali.

In the audience and on program were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

From the liturgy for weekdays, Sabbaths, Holy Day Festivals and the choir from Congregational Emanu El the program progressed.



Chief Mike Billdt, Councilman Rikke Van Johnson, and Raul Rauls

The combined choirs of First Presbyterian Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ. Lutheran Church of Our Savior, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and St. Paul United Methodist sang Joy comes in the Morning."

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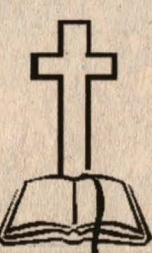
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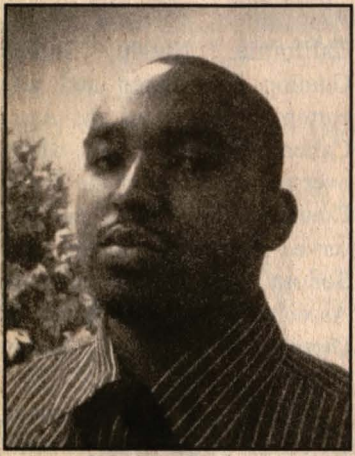
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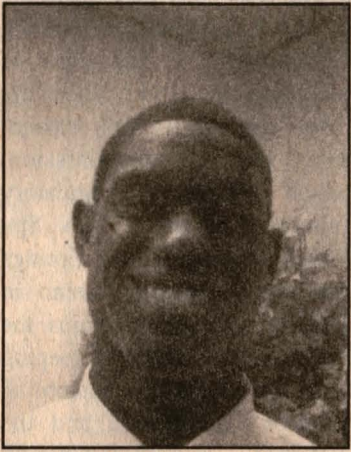
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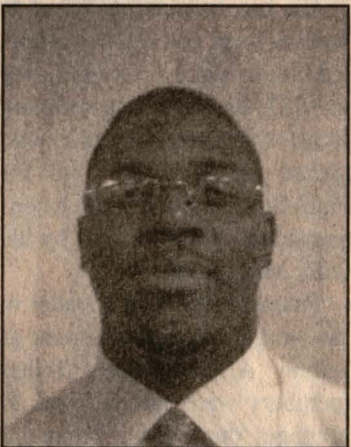
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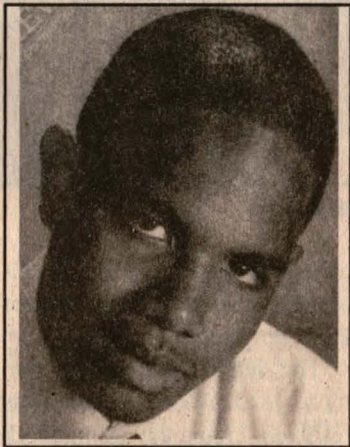
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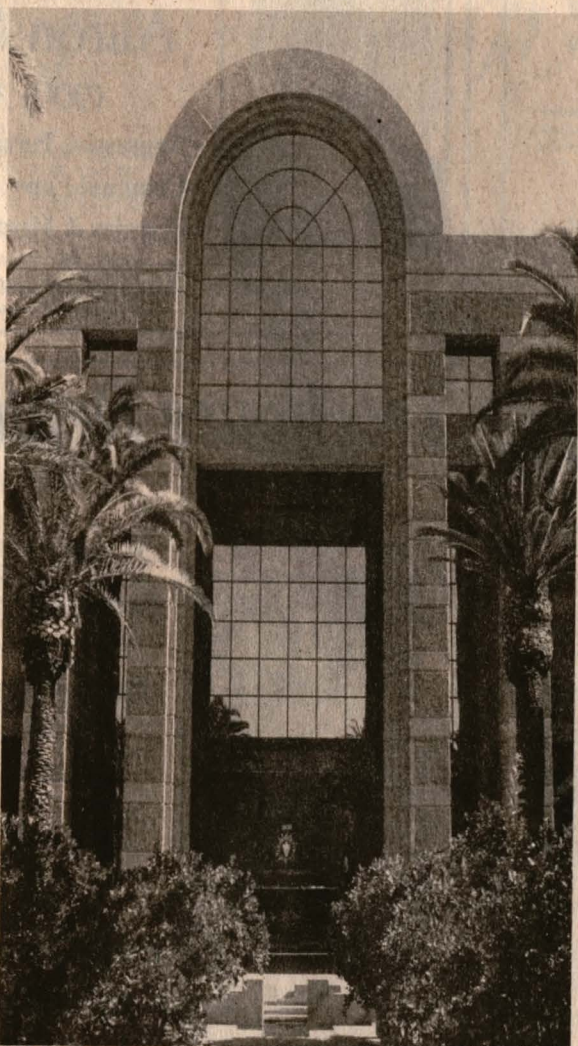
The Social Lite's Inc. of San Bernardino announce their 40th annual Beautillion is well under way. Seven young men are vying for the title of "Sir Knight 2007" and are canvassing the community for businesses and individuals who will support their efforts.

The Beautillion is a youth orientated program which focuses on assisting the community's outstanding college bound young men with preparation in leadership, organizational and presentation skills. The participants are exposed to a variety of civic, charitable and social events that begin in October and will conclude at the Beautillion Ball. This years Beautillion Ball will take place on March 31, at the National Orange Show.

2007 Beautillion Knights are: Charles Grays III of Arroyo Valley High, Daniel Stallworth of Cajon High, Terrell Thomas, of San Geronio High, Brandon Thomas of Canyon Springs High in Moreno Valley, Gerald Smith of Fontana High, Lionel Harrington of Cajon High and Joseph Broome of Wilmer Amina Carter High in Rialto.

The Social Lites are also seeking all Beautillion Alumni. They asked contact Mrs. Helen Thomas at 909-854-7730 or Sheri Lewis at 909-421-2573.

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Tribe Grieves for Lost Leader

Ray L. Patencio, former Tribal Chairman and longtime advocate, dies February 8

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Former Agua Caliente Tribal Chairman Ray L. Patencio died Thursday at his home following an illness. He was 60 years old, and would have turned 61 on Feb. 9.

Patencio was instrumental in forging the Tribe's relationship with the City of Palm Springs on a government-to-government basis by working to build understanding based on respect and common goals. "He was an incredible leader who gave every ounce of effort to help bring the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to where it is today," said Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich. "His whole life was one of service to the community and to the Tribe. We're devastated by the loss."

Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden honored Patencio in March 2006, when Patencio was given a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Fame. His star was placed in front of the Hilton Hotel off of Tahquitz Canyon Way, the site of Patencio's former boyhood home.



Former Agua Caliente Chairman Ray Patencio with Ron Oden

mer boyhood home.

Patencio recalled running barefoot around Palm Springs as a child, not because he didn't have shoes, but because he didn't bother wearing them. "We ran from tree to tree, chasing the shade," he told the crowd when receiving his star. "I bet we knew where every tree was in

Palm Springs."

Patencio was Tribal Chairman from 1972 to 1981. When the Santa Rosa Indian Community won a key victory in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1975 affirming tribal sovereignty, Patencio was able to lead the Agua Caliente in affirming their right to be

exempt from zoning and development control by the City of Palm Springs.

The legal tangle took two more years before the case was resolved, laying the groundwork for the Tribe to develop its various business enterprises in Palm Springs. It provided the basis for the Tribe and the City to

develop their relationship in a way that respected sovereignty but paved the way for governmental agreements benefiting the entire community.

He was currently Chairman of the Agua Caliente Gaming Commission, serving since its inception in 1995, when the Tribe opened its first casino. The Gaming Commission, which oversees the regulatory functions of the Tribe's Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs and Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage, maintains the day-to-day oversight in keeping with the California Gambling Control Commission and the National Indian Gaming Commission.

His involvement in Tribal as well as local community affairs led him to make a run for mayor in 1987. Patencio lost to Sonny Bono, the late entertainer who turned his successful bid for Palm Springs Mayor into a congressional seat now held by his wife, Mary Bono.

Patencio was also a leader in the struggle with the Bureau of Indian Affairs when Tribal members were not allowed to manage their own financial affairs. Guardians were appointed by the BIA to oversee their personal finances, eating thousands of dollars from each Tribal Member's budget.

According to newspaper archives from 1967, such oversight cost one Tribal Member's income a whopping 50 percent of income over an 8-year period.

He has been a delegate to the State/Tribal Gaming Association, delegate to the California Native Indian Gaming Association and was current chairman of the Agua Caliente Election Board, which oversees elections of the Tribal Council. Elsewhere, he has served as president of the Casa Sonora Homeowners Association and the Board of Directors of Palm Valley School.

Over the years, he has spoken on behalf of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum to various schools and colleges, as well as local service groups, relating to the early history and culture of the Agua Caliente Indian People. He was also involved with the museum since the origin of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum Association, serving as secretary before being named to the museum Board of Directors.

Patencio's family, including his wife Mary Kay, children and grandchildren, and members of the Agua Caliente Tribal Council, will miss him.

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THAD, THE FLORAL MINISTER

Loma Linda Florist Serves Up Valentines Year Round

The Black Voice News

LOMA LINDA

By Chris Levister

By definition Thad Mosely is a florist. But to his many loyal customers he is a Christian servant whose spectacular floral creations of celebration, comfort, and romance are nothing short of ministry.

Valentine's Day was days away. While most florists labored in pressure cooker havens of designers, roses, greenery, bows and phones ringing off the hook, Mosely was a picture of calm outside the sanctuary of Loma Linda University Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

"I'm applying gold leaf paint to this greenery. It gives the flowers that dazzling effect."

Mosely had under an hour to ribbon and place his two huge not Valentine red but gold and purple creations on pedestals in the sanctuary for the start of the School of Dentistry's Dedication Service. "His creations are works of art," says Associate Dean Fred Kasischke, DMin.

If you think Mosely was worried about missing out on the industry's biggest cash haul, think again. Last minute lovers and suitors couldn't drop in and grab a Valentine bouquet on the run. At Thad's Premier Floral and Gifts there are no walk-ins and no walls, telephone orders only at (909) 799-1185. When orders reached a ceiling the phone came off the hook.

"The Valentine bouquets are declarations of love, always fresh, meticulously trimmed and personally arranged by me. My customers have come to expect only the best."

Mosely, a Seventh-Day Adventist, says he has chosen to live his life in a way that brings honor to his family, profession, community and God. "I am a servant and sometimes that means choosing service and quality over profits."

He recalls one Valentine's Day when everyone in his Loma Linda shop hadn't slept for days. There were blossoms to order, vases to prep, bows to tie, and non-stop



With Associate Dean Fred Kasischke, DMin, looking on florist Thad Mosely finishes one of his floral creations for the School of Dentistry's Dedication Service at Loma Linda University Church.

calls from frantic last minute cupids.

"Bouquets were flying out the door. We sold everything in the house and then some," he said. That night the reality of owning a small business hit home.

"After paying the floral wholesalers, suppliers and overtime to my workers, I made \$50.00 in profit. I looked down at my greenery stained clothes, my eyes were bloodshot, my hands were raw - I called my mother and cried like a baby. I knew I had to make a choice between big profits or dedicating my professional life to the service of humanity."

Mosely closed his shop after many years in favor of a telephone-only business. Although he can create single bouquets, he prefers custom weddings, sympathy, church services and special events. His gourmet floral and gift baskets are legendary.

"His work is extraordinary," says Karen Hansberger, M.D., former mayor of Loma Linda and member of the University Church. Mosely's unique creations of exotic and traditional flowers wowed guests at Hansberger's 2005 wedding and adorn her home during the Christmas holidays. "His designs instill a deep sense of love, warmth, and celebration."

Mosely has been dabbling in catering, event planning and floristry since childhood. For several years he worked in the University Library, his unique designs for staff events drew raves and soon led to a scholarship with the nationally recognized Teleflora Company. That led to advanced training in wedding and sympathy work and study with the owners of the world renown Phil Rulloda's School of Floral Design located in Anaheim.

He takes pride in lecturing members of the local Scottish community on cultural floristry utilizing traditional flower emblems. "Most people associate the Scots with plaids. Each family known as a clan has their own plaid but they also have their own flower emblem." Mosely is also studying flowers indigenous to Africa. He says floral arrangements reflecting the African wedding tradition of 'jumping the broom' demonstrate the powerful language and history of flowers.

"The red rose is all for love. The yellow rose which in the 17th century represented jealousy today means peace. Pink is all about happiness."

Mosely says he is disappointed by the lack of business clients from the local African-American community. He says despite years of

marketing and charitable giving he is all but overlooked by the areas many Black churches and minority civic organizations.

"It breaks my heart. I'm a Black man. My creations are unique and highly lauded, yet among my own people I am largely the 'go to for a deal florist'," said Mosely.

He recalls once during a floral setup he was approached by a group of African-American women. "They wanted to know more about my designs. I was under pressure to finish the project. I asked them to wait 5 minutes. They quickly became impatient and walked away vowing to buy flowers



Florist Thad Mosely says his Valentine's creations are declarations of love and service. "Each bouquet reflects what I believe. It's my ministry."

from Conroy's, a chain florist."

Mosely provides weekly service to a local Spanish and an Indonesian church and has created elaborate arrangements for the NAACP's annual Pioneer Dinner and the coveted yearly Booker T. Washington luncheon held at the Mission Inn.

"His arrangements are spectacular one-of-a-kind creations. Thad is a dependable and kind servant," said

the organizer for both events, Cheryl Brown, publisher of the Black Voice News.

Mosely who daily prepares hot meals for three local needy families says his desire to partner with Black churches and minority organizations is driven by his endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion - not profits. "Yes I have to pay the bills. But in the end my rewards spring from serving. It's beautiful!"

Performance Riverside to present Letters to Harriet Tubman

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Performance Riverside will be presenting Letters to Harriet Tubman on February 24, 2007 at 2pm, as part of the Children's Series in affiliation with the Orange County Performing Arts Center Arts Teach Program

Journey back to 1902 and sit for a while on the porch with a famous American heroine, Harriet Tubman, as she tells about the exciting adventures of her life. We meet her at age 80 - but she takes us back to the days of the Civil War and its aftermath, when she led the "Underground Railroad" that helped slaves find freedom in the North. In this two-character play, Harriet is joined by a guitar-playing neighbor. Letters to Harriet Tubman is interspersed with lively Civil War songs and African-American spirituals; including "Go Down Moses," "Steal Away," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Landis Performing Arts Center is located on Riverside City College at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Reserve seats are now



Patti Hensley

on sale for \$19, \$15, \$11, and \$8 per ticket, and can be purchased through the Landis Box Office at 951-222-8100. Group rates are available. School groups may get tickets at a special rate on

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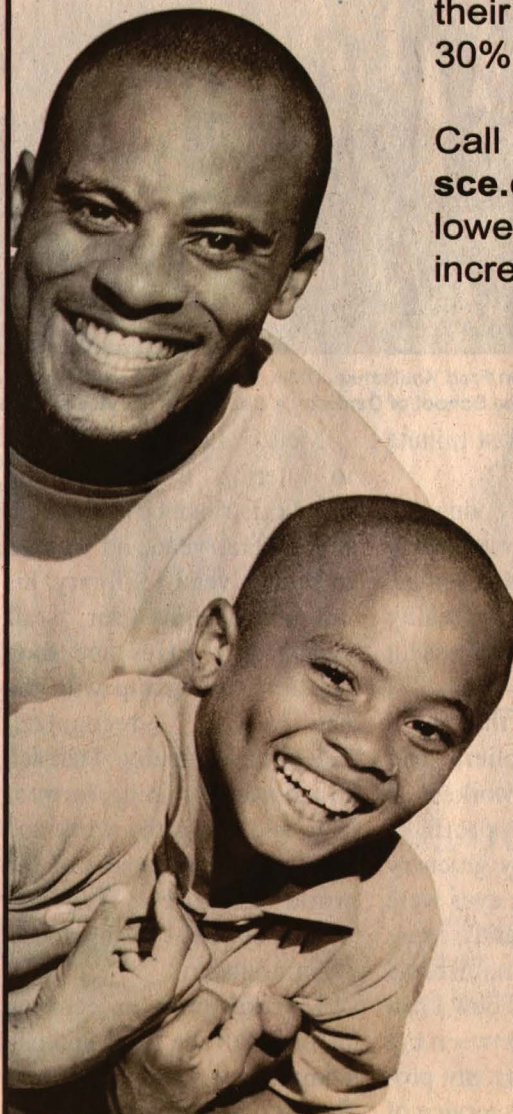
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